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Acting Head of School Joanne Carruthers with top achievers in the junior school. Also pictured are Director of Academics Andrew Blair and Jean-Samuel Rancourt, 2006, guest speaker at the Fall Academic Assembly.

Head's message

This fall, we introduced ultimate Frisbee as a fall sport at Stanstead College. Ultimate (as it's properly called) exemplifies many of the values we expect in our young student-athletes: sportsmanship, camaraderie and fair play. Not only are there no refs but the players make the calls – on themselves. The honour system is not something you often see in competitive sports, but doing the right thing is what Stanstead is all about.

I also like to see the addition of ultimate to our athletic repertoire as emblematic of the spirit of change and renewal that is part of Stanstead in 2019-20. It's new, it's co-ed, and it crosses grades.

There are other examples: We've opened our co-ed residence, Cowen House. This gorgeous new facility offers our graduating students a heightened university-prep experience that goes beyond traditional academics.

As you'll read in this issue of the *Red & White*, we have welcomed a number of young, dynamic teachers into the fold, and we continue to appoint young alumni to our council of trustees. There is a real energy on campus this year that is truly invigorating.

And I suppose I need to include myself. As I step in during Michael Wolfe's sabbatical, the significance of being the first female head of school – even for a brief period – is not lost on me. In the not-so-distant past, such an appointment would not have been imaginable, and in many ways it is heartening that in my case no one batted an eye. That's progress.

While I am not an alumna of Stanstead College, I tend to feel like one. My husband, Bryan Carruthers (1980), daughter, Lyanne (2015), and father-in-law, Garry Carruthers (1958) are all alumni, with son Tyler graduating this spring. I know all the stories and feel very much a fabric of this special place. I take to heart the importance of our school's traditions as well as its need to continue to adapt to the very real world around us. And in all of this, we will continue to do the right thing.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the *Red & White*.

Joanne Carruthers
Acting Head of School

Stanstead hosts CAIS Soccer

Stanstead College played host to 13 schools October 17-20 as the Spartans hosted the 2019 CAIS Senior Girls Soccer Tournament.

Participating teams came from Sacred Heart School of Montreal, Bishop Strachan School, Country Day School, Bishop's College School, Rothesay-Netherwood School, Branksome Hall, St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School, Lower Canada College, Miss Edgar's & Miss Cramp's School, Greenwood College School, Havergal College, St. Clement's School, Stanstead College and The Study.

While the Spartans did not make it into the playoff round, Stanstead focused on being exceptional hosts for the duration of the tournament, which at times was cool and wet. Congratulations to Havergal College for winning the championship 1-0 over the Sacred Heart School of Montreal.

Salute to Football in the Works

Plans are under way to honour the legacy of football at Stanstead College with the creation of a mural in the Amaron Gymnasium lobby and a permanent display of memorabilia. In early November, former coaches Alex Philip, Kevin Philip, Andy Elliot and (not pictured) Andre Simard met with archivist Audrey Hamilton to sort through school photos as the first step in the process. The goal is to have the mural ready for Homecoming in May 2019.

Stanstead Welcomes New Food Provider

In March, Stanstead College changed food providers – and with it the end of student "servers"!

The school is now using Dana Hospitality, which promotes fresh, local produce as well as all meals and food made from scratch. Students have enjoyed many new flavours and options.

The big change, though, is how the meals are served. Rather than student servers being assigned to go to the kitchen to pick up trays, with service at the tables, students individually retrieve prepared plates, soup or other "grab-and-go" options such as sandwiches or salads.

However, this does not mean the end of family-style meals. Students are still assigned to tables, which get their food together, and all other traditional rules apply.

Cowen House

Stanstead College Officially Opens New Grade 12 Residence

The Cowen family cuts the ribbon on the new residence.

Alumni, parents, students and donors gathered on September 28 to mark the official opening of Cowen House, the new Grade 12 co-ed residence at Stanstead College.

Constructed at a cost of $5.8 million, Cowen House welcomed its first students this fall, with boys living in one wing, girls in another and a common central area for all. It is the first new residence at Stanstead College since the opening of Webster House in 1991. Cowen House is the only co-ed Grade 12 residence in Quebec, if not Canada.

The house is named in honour of the Cowen family of Knowlton, Que., longtime benefactors and supporters of the school, who contributed significantly towards this project. Jonathan Cowen, Stanstead College board chair (Class of 1972), and Judith Cowen, a College trustee, were on hand for the event along with sons Jeffrey (2009) and Jason (2012) and other members of the Cowen family.

The Cowens have been generous supporters of the school and its initiatives over the years, contributing to large projects, such as the Pat Burns Arena, and smaller but necessary ones, such as refurbished washrooms, always doing so humbly and without fanfare.

Mr. Cowen's father, Stewart, was a longtime trustee of the school, and brother Jamie is also an alumnus (1969). Mr. Cowen has been a trustee since 2004 and chair since 2012. Mrs. Cowen became a trustee in 2015. Mr. Cowen is the former president and CEO, now retired, of A&D Prevost Inc., an architectural aluminum firm located in Richelieu, Que.

Mr. Cowen thanked his family, the construction committee, designer Sylvain Pomerleau and contractor Tijaro for their work on the project as well as the many donors for their support.

"Education is the most valuable thing we can give the next generation," he said. "And here at Stanstead, students not only get a great education but they get a real-life experience of social awareness. And that is why Judith and I along with all of you strive to help this wonderful institution mould tomorrow's leaders."

The Cowen family then cut the ribbon and unveiled the cornerstone. Guests were then invited into the lobby for a toast by Joseph Levy, Class of 1969 and former board chair.

"I hope you students will remember the Cowens' gift and the gifts of everyone who contributed to make this new residence a reality, that you will take pride in not just Cowen House but Stanstead College, and that you too will take care of your school, now and in the future," he said.

Associate Head of School Joanne Carruthers along with Grade 12 students Rosalie Gadoua Giroux of Candiac, Que. and Andrew Bouchard of Derby Line, Vt. also spoke. Guests were then invited to tour the residence.

Construction of Cowen House began in September 2018 and was ready for opening day of the school year. Out of a total student population of 246 students, there are 57 Grade 12s, both boarding and day students.

Baccalaureate 2019 Highlights

The graduating class of 2019 consisted of 53 students who received offers from 31 Canadian post-secondary schools and 27 American schools. Roughly half accepted placements in Quebec, while 20 percent are studying in the United States. The class of 2019 received over $1.5 million in scholarship offers.

Head of School Michael Wolfe with Audrey Choi, winner of the Head of School's Award

Co-head prefect Quentin Dassault-Biettron, Grade 12, of Paris was the recipient of the Pitcher Prize, presented to the student who has exerted the greatest influence for good and the school's top prize. Quentin was also the co-recipient of the Allan Family Friendship Cup along with Nicolas Del Rio Weinberg, Grade 12, of Mexico City.

Nicolas also earned the Gordon Usher-Jones Memorial Prize, presented to a Grade 12 student who has attended for one year and who has made an exceptional contribution through involvement in all aspects of school life.

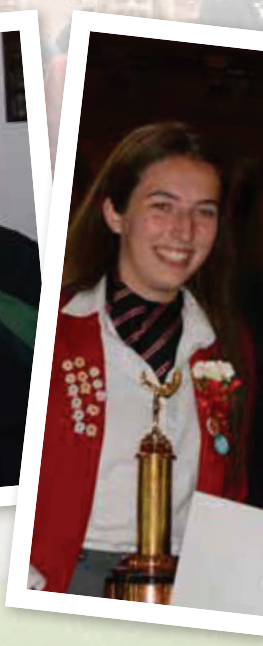
The Wilder Shield was presented to Rosemary Lefebvre of Magog, Que.

Emily Willis of Newport, Vt., had the top overall average in Grade 12 and also earned the the Spofforth Trophy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, the Arthur E. Curtis Jr. Award (to the top student entering an engineering program), the Trueman-McFadyan Award for the top student-athlete, along with the Biology and Chemistry Prizes.

Graduate Motheo Koketso celebrates with her family.

The Wilder Shield was presented to Rosemary Lefebvre

Quentin Dassault-Biettron, Grade 12, was the recipient of the Pitcher Prize



In the past year, we have learned much more than how to solve equations or write essays. We have learned how to be kind, how to persevere, how to study, how to have fun, how to live together, how to be us. You have been equipped with endurance and speed and smarts and skills. We are the living, breathing testaments of this year's success. We are the people that our parents, teachers, and friends have shaped us to be.

Co-head Prefect
Alison Barlow

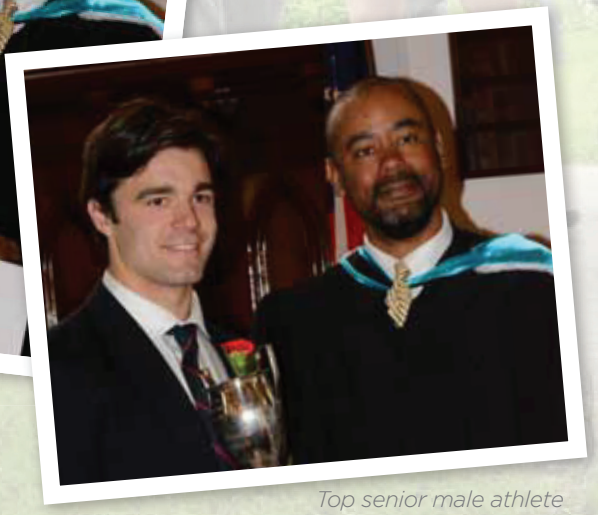
I was very lucky to have lived this, but you are very lucky to be where you are today. You should never forget the comfort in which you have been raised. The support you have received. The love which you have welcomed. The friends you have met. But most importantly the education you are receiving. There is nothing worse than being ignorant. Never give up on learning and strive to follow your passion.

Co-head prefect Quentin Bietron Dassault

Reality is flexible. Don't be afraid to go against the grain. And don't be afraid to change your mind too. You are only as wise as the last time you changed your mind. But believe me, whenever you will try to go your own way, whenever you will feel the need to follow your intuition into the unknown, the world will try to shut you down and bury you. Only, see yourself as a seed that the deeper you are buried, the taller you will grow. Embrace resistance and use it for all the growth it will give you. Train yourself to enjoy criticism. Be content to be thought of as foolish and consider that trying to be liked by everybody is a sure way to mediocrity. Confront the status quo, refuse to jump over the cliff with everybody else. If you want to be the best or the first at something, you know you will have to prove them all wrong. You won't have the luxury of waiting for consensus before making your move.

Jason Rodi, Class of 1995, guest speaker

Top senior female athlete
Mackenzy St-Pierre



Top senior male athlete
Richard Hall

Tribute to Christian Williams

Thanks for 27 years of teaching,
an outstanding endeavour
We wish you the best, now and forever.
Here's to you Mr. Williams, our colleague and friend,
This is just the beginning, not really the end.
You've done a great job for so many years
Earning great respect from your students and peers,
And while leaving is sad and elicits a tear,
Let's all stand up right now and give you a cheer.

Excerpt from Head of School Michael Wolfe's tribute to Christian Williams, who retired as art teacher. The second floor of the Model School will be renamed ***The Christian Williams Art Department.***

TEDx @ Stanstead Highlights World Under Construction

School News

If you were asked whether you would like to spend the day listening to high school students give speeches, maybe with a couple of teachers thrown in, you would be forgiven for wanting to take a pass.

Yet the first-ever TEDx Youth event at Stanstead College last May was anything but dull. Built around the theme "World Under Construction," the day-long series of presentations featured engaging topics superbly presented and meeting the high standards of the TEDx brand.

There were 13 presentations in all over the course of the day, as Pierce Hall was transformed into a TED space, complete with dramatic lighting, screen and custom-made "TEDx Youth @ Stanstead College" sign.

> **"I can't remember the day of. I remember it starting, I remember it ending, but I don't remember everything in between."**

Mathieu Duval-Soto, Grade 12, opened the conference with a discussion on the need for global animal care; Patrick Young, also Grade 12, followed with a lesson on how to solve world conflicts like a kindergartener – through listening, empathy and de-escalation. Social activists Keisha and Teagan Simpson from Bishop's University and the campaign "Live Life Unfiltered" spoke on how Instagram influences girls' body image.

Following a break, Stanstead teacher Jeff Standage demonstrated the "stuff" of the universe. Student Philippe Martel then created a song on the spot. Teacher Erik Van Dyke concluded the morning by demonstrating that winning itself was over-valued but the desire to win drives potential.

The TEDx conference was timed to coincide with Homecoming events at Stanstead College. Consequently, sessions continued in the late afternoon and early evening, starting with two of the youngest speakers of the day. Rosemary Lefebvre, Grade 9, spoke on the possibilities and perils of living to 100. Conner Ehmann, Grade 11, discussed the need for kindness in our lives. Cynthia Zhang, also Grade 9, encouraged society to recognize the role of introverts.

"The world values volume, but volume does not equal value," she said, quietly.

The final sessions of the evening were by Marianne Picard, Grade 10, who questioned the wisdom of travelling to Mars when our own world needs saving. This was followed by a moving and personal presentation on eating disorders by student Jasmine Richter, Grade 11, and teacher Laura Kirby.

Following a musical interlude by Grade 12 duo Van Pham and Lucas Etienne, classmate Nicolas Del Rio wrapped up with a witty and informative presentation on the need to stay uncomfortable.

The event was the brainchild of Grade 12 student Audrey Choi, who was getting bio help from her teacher Rebecca Benizri one evening when she said, "Miss, I want to do a TED Talks." Ms. Benizri said, "You know what, Audrey? Let's do it."

Meeting an hour a week as a Thursday club over the next months, a team came together that included teachers Andrew Blair, Brendan Varro, Bernie Pimm along students, all of whom managed sponsorship, logistics, promotion and social media according to the exacting standards and guidelines of the TED organization.

For example, Cynthia Zhang stunned and mesmerized the crowd with her quiet force. Audrey Choi explained later that this presentation nearly didn't make the cut, but Cynthia worked on it and worked on it until it was right. It certainly paid off.

"There was an energy in the room," said Audrey. "There were a lot of emotional talks but also people who just felt strongly about what they were saying and weren't apologetic about what they wanted to say."

Ms. Benizri said the day itself felt somewhat surreal.

"I can't remember the day of," she said. "I remember it starting, I remember it ending, but I don't remember everything in between. And then it was, 'How did we do this? We did this amazing event, we pulled this off.' I didn't think it would go as well as it did."

Filling Pierce Hall with students and teachers wanting to hear their peers talk, Ms. Benizri said the event was satisfying in a school that celebrates athletics. "Academics got their day," she said.

Plans are now under way for a second TEDx event, scheduled for April 19, 2020.

Rebecca Benizri:

Building Brains and Relationships

Behind every good student project is a teacher making sure nothing explodes.

In the case of Stanstead's TEDx event, the teacher paradoxically both lighting the spark and putting out the fires was Rebecca Benizri in the Math/Science Department. The event fit well with two aspects of her personality: a) she likes organizing things; and b) she loves spreading knowledge.

"I like seeing people learn and understand new things," she said. "There is a lot of pseudo-science in the world that people believe with no evidence to back it up. Because they don't have a sufficient knowledge of science they think it's true – anti-vax, global warming deniers. I like to be able to share and teach science so that young people have better opinions."

Raised on Montreal's West Island, Ms. Benizri is in her third year at Stanstead College, her first teaching position after earning her undergrad and master's degree from McGill University. Originally, she was planning on studying medicine. "But then I realized my brain can't hold that much information, so that was over."

> "I love that we have small classes here, because that means I get way more one-on-one teaching time with the kids and get to have conversations that I wouldn't be able to have if I was managing a class of 30."

Having spent her elementary and secondary school at Beth Rivkah Academy in Côte-des-Neiges, Ms. Benizri is no stranger to private schools. Nonetheless, coming to Stanstead was a bit of a culture shock, with limited shopping and no Starbucks and life on the small island of the Stanstead College campus. Having other young teachers on campus certainly helped with the transition.

"You have the same level of experience, the same ideas about technologies that older teachers wouldn't have. You bond over those things," she said.

In addition to teaching and supervising Science Fair ("They unironically gave me Science Fair as my sport…"), Ms. Benizri

is also assistant house director in Webster House, having spent last year in the same position in Colby. As an extrovert, she loves being around people, which certainly helps in a busy residence. She also says she likes the private school environment because she gets to follow students through their high school years and grow close to them.

"I love that we have small classes here, because that means I get way more one-on-one teaching time with the kids and get to have conversations that I wouldn't be able to have if I was managing a class of 30," she says. "A lot of the students here really want to learn and are receptive to criticism or advice on how to become better learners. To me that's everything."

Ms. Benizri still has strong ties to Montreal and has attempted to explain Stanstead College to her city peers.

"It's not like any other school you're going to teach at, because only half your time is teaching. The other half is sports, student life, hanging out with kids or eating with your colleagues and doing things you would never get the chance to do at a regular public school in Montreal," she said. "There are so many more opportunities to build so many more relationships and so many more experiences. Are we working double the hours in the day? Sure. But we're getting double out of it. For me it's worth it. They think I'm crazy. But you have to experience it, and then you understand."

Meet our new teachers

Stanstead College welcomed a number of young, dynamic teachers this fall. Here's a quick glimpse at who they are.

Our new teachers, l-r, Thomas Peasley, Shannon Garrett, Matthew De Carlo, Julie Bernier, LaDonna Lamonth and Amy Laroche.

Julie Bernier

Born in Ontario, Ms. Bernier was raised in a military family, so she had the chance to live everywhere around Canada. Later, she came to Sherbrooke to study to become a math teacher, fell in love with the city and never left. After 13 years teaching at the College du Sacré-Coeur in Sherbrooke, she has taken on the new challenge here at Stanstead College. This fall, she helped coach the school's first-ever ultimate Frisbee team.

Fun fact: Her brother Christian Bernier was a member of the Canadian Olympic volleyball team.

Matthew De Carlo

Mr. De Carlo is from Montreal, Quebec and teaches English, French and Geography. He is also the varsity hockey teams' strength and conditioning coach and assistant house director in Bugbee House. Mr. De Carlo completed his degree at Bishop's University in 2018 and is looking forward to teaching in the Townships.

Fun fact: Mr. De Carlo was selected 49th overall in the 2018 CFL Draft by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

LaDonna J. Lamonth

Ms. Lamonth made up her mind at the age of 12 that she would become a mathematics teacher. She was born in St. Catherine, Jamaica and studied at the University of West Indies and Concordia University, where she played basketball. She is also a member of the Jamaican National Women's Basketball team and has represented Quebec in the Canadian National Netball Championships for the past three years This is her fifth year teaching but her first year teaching in Canada.

Fun fact: Ms. Lamonth has eight siblings.

Amy Laroche

Ms. Laroche studied at Bishop's University and is Stanstead's new art teacher. She is from a large family in North Lancaster, Ontario with a hobby farm composed of horses, cats and a dog and surrounded by maple bush and rolling hills. She is excited about sharing her passion for art with the students.

Fun fact: Ms. Laroche claims she can eat an ice cream cone in less than a minute.

Thomas Peasley

Mr. Peasley (Class of 1991) is going full circle by returning to Stanstead College; he was a day student here for six years before going to university in Ontario. After getting his B.Ed., he planned a year or two to in Japan so he could pay off student loans; that year or two lasted for a decade. He has been working in education management for the past 12 years in Kingston, Ontario, and is happy to be coming back to Stanstead. He is also assistant house director in Cowen House.

Fun fact: Mr. Peasley once worked on the Stanstead College summer maintenance crew.

Shannon Garrett

Ms. Garrett taught Drama during Ms. Gagnon's maternity leave and is assisting with the school's communications/social media. (You may have seen her work on our Instagram and Facebook pages.) From Fairport, NY, she has a fine arts degree from St. Lawrence University and experience in social work and running a business. She is also a house parent in Davis House.

Fun fact: Ms. Garrett wears a men's size-12 shoe.

New Trustees 2019-20

Ryan Bedard 2010

Ryan attended Stanstead for four years. He remembers the time as learning about himself and being exposed to so many experiences. He was named top male senior athlete in both Grade 11 and 12 and credits Stanstead for teaching him respect for others and himself, how to lead and how to study, attributes that have helped him through his schooling, college hockey and his professional career. Ryan has lived in Massachusetts for the past eight years where he completed a degree in business management at Fitchburg State. He is now a senior information technology delivery manager for the Davis Companies in Woburn, MA.

Olivier Charette 2009

Olivier attended Stanstead College for Grades 11 and 12, where he won the Trustees' Scholarship and Major S awards for soccer and hockey, including the senior boys hockey MVP trophy. He was named the top male student-athlete in his final year. Olivier graduated summa cum laude at University of Ottawa with a BSc in biomedical sciences. In June 2019, Olivier earned his doctorate of medicine with great distinction from Université de Montréal. He is currently completing his residency in family medicine with particular interests in emergency care and sports medicine. Active in Ottawa, Montreal and hockey alumni events, Olivier feels alumni have a responsibility to be involved, to share their experiences and act as role models for future generations of Stanstead College students.

Hung Hao "Hank" Chen 2010

From Taipei, Taiwan, Hank attended Stanstead College for four years, playing football, basketball and rugby and becoming a Davis House perfect in his final two years. After Stanstead, Hank went to Boston and earned his bachelor's degree in graphic design from Suffolk University in 2015. He went back to Taiwan to fulfill his military service obligation, serving in the navy, then returned to Boston in 2017, where he received his master's degree in project management from Northeastern University in 2019.

My experience at Stanstead College
Andrea Lopez '14

If I could describe in a word what my experience at Stanstead was, I would say "remarkable." It gave me the best friends I have today, international and Mexican. I learned how to deal with homesickness. I became a really organized person. I loved every sport I practiced. I learned not only about school subjects like science, math or English, but about life. I will always remember when my soccer coach made us run around the field and told us: "Don't you guys cut corners. If you cut corners in the field, you will for sure cut corners in life." After that, I have never chosen the easy path to get me to an objective.

I had the time of my life at Stanstead. It was really enriching for me. It opened my eyes in so many aspects. As I told my brother, Mauricio, as he is headed to Stanstead right now six years after I left, I would give whatever in the world to go back to Stanstead.

New Trustees 2019-20

Kelly Foran 2012

After Stanstead College, Kelly attended Hamilton College in Clinton, NY, where she played both hockey and rugby, before transferring to Mount Allison University and earning her degree in mathematics and physics with first class honours. While at Mount Allison, Kelly spent two summers performing research on the use of x-ray fluorescence to detect trace elements for medical purposes. She also helped coach the first-ever girls rugby team at the local high school and was a founding member of "Girls in Physics Day." Following graduation, Kelly spent a summer researching at Carleton University before attending the University of Toronto for her master's in physics. After 10 months in Toronto, Kelly was offered a position teaching at John Abbott College, so she completed her MSc early and moved to Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue. Kelly has taught physics for two years and has been awarded a "Special Teacher" certificate twice.

Jeff Gray 2004

Jeff attended Stanstead College from 2001 to 2004 and was head prefect in his Grade 12 year. A three-time Major S winner and male athlete of the year in Grade 12, Jeff went on to earn his psychology/sociology degree from Queen's University. He then spent four years teaching English in South Korea before studying business administration at the John Molson School of Business at Concordia in Montreal. Jeff is currently an account executive with CompuStaff Corp and plays in the Montreal Ball Hockey League.

Cindy Ho

Cindy Ho works primarily in business law with DS Lawyers, with experience in corporate and commercial law, mergers and acquisitions, real estate transactions as well as public and regulatory law with a particular focus on marketing, advertising, consumer protection, Charter of the French Language and alcohol permits and regulations. In addition, Cindy is involved in various national and international business transactions, with a particular emphasis on China-related matters. She completed her law degree, magna cum laude, at University of Ottawa, where she was member of the Golden Key International Honor Society and the Dean's Honour Roll. Following completion of her civil law degree, Cindy went on to complete a juris doctor at Université de Montréal and took an additional family law course at Université de Sherbrooke.

Jackson Qiu 2013

Jackson came to Stanstead from Zhuhai, China for his Grade 12 year in 2013. He went on to graduate from University of Waterloo with a bachelor's degree in physics and astronomy in 2019. Currently, he is taking a gap year to apply for US and Canada universities while working at Waterloo's Institute for Quantum Computing. His ambition is to contribute to humanity's effort in establishing a lunar habitat.

Joanne Ross

Joanne joined Stanstead College as an Admissions Associate in 2006. Prior career opportunities had groomed her in the areas of customer service, logistics, sales, marketing, networking and even travel. The Stanstead College community was already familiar to her as a parent of two alumni (JD 2000 and Peter 2003) and wife of Dugie Ross (1970), currently the school's business manager. In her role, she enjoyed representing Stanstead College both locally and on a more global scene. Even after retiring in 2016, Joanne continued to use her experience to help out in various recruitment initiatives and now looks forward to sharing her experience to make Stanstead College the #1 private university-prep boarding school.

Andrea Lopez Sanchez 2014

From Mexico City, Andrea attended Stanstead for Grade 9 and has been an active alumna ever since, earning her the honour of being the co-winner of the Young Trustee Award. After Stanstead, she continued her studies, earning her degree in industrial engineering with a minor in systems. Along the way, she has worked as a climbing teacher and peer mentor; served as an intern for HeroX, which believes in creating heroes from ordinary people through using coaching and conscious leadership; and been involved in Dar Más por México ("give more for Mexico"), which introduces students to entrepreneurs and elite athletes.

Rene Villarreal 1994

Rene was born in Mexico City and attended Stanstead College for Grades 7 and 8. After graduating high school in Mexico, he attended Harvard College and received his degree (cum laude) in economics. He returned to Mexico City and worked in management consulting for approximately four years before returning to the United States to pursue an MBA at the MIT Sloan School of Management, focusing on finance and strategy. He later joined Aetna, a Fortune 50 health care company, where he worked in corporate finance and was part of the largest acquisition in the company's history. Over the past two years, Rene has been part of Aetna's (now CVS Health) corporate strategy team, focussing on innovation and incubation of new health care products and services.

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Etienne Scraire 2012

Born in Montreal, Etienne attended Stanstead College from Grade 9 to Grade 12. While there, he was very involved in anything having to do with music, computers and "nerdy stuff." He was also a prefect in Davis House his senior year. Etienne completed his undergraduate degree in computer science at WPI and graduated in 2016 while working part time for WPI's Network Information Security division. He now works as an engineer in R&D for Carbon Black, an endpoint cybersecurity company based in Waltham, Massachusetts. His younger brothers, Lou-Henri (2015) and Jean-Baptiste (2013, Grade 9), also attended Stanstead College.

Aika Yamashita 2014

Aika graduated Stanstead College in 2014, where she was co-winner of the Headmaster's Award. She recently graduated from Camosun College, Victoria, BC in science with focus on chemistry. She works as an administrative assistant in a medical office in Victoria, BC.

Stanstead became a part of my life **Aika Yamashita '14**

My two years at Stanstead College were among the most unforgettable times in my life. I am confident to say that that place shaped me into who I am now.

More than six years ago, I met Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Ross in Manila, and they encouraged me to join their summer camp program. At that time, I was only planning to go to the summer camp and come back to Manila after the summer. However, the experience at the camp was beyond my expectations. The first thing I loved about the camp was the campus. It was huge, and there were so much space to do so many things. There were multiple courts with fresh grass. I thought this was nothing like my previous schools I had gone to. I met many people from different cultures and they made my first summer camp an amazing experience. My favourite things during the camp were the outdoor activities such as sports and food fights, and those camping trips that happened every weekend. During the whole four weeks of the camp I was never bored, as there was always so much to do, so I didn't even have time to miss home. Towards the end of the camp, I began to feel like the other campers and staffs were my family, something I never thought I would feel at the beginning of the camp.

I fell in love with the campus and clearly missed the camp experience after I went back home. It was an easy decision then for me to go back to Stanstead for their regular school year. I quickly wrapped up my life in Manila in August, and I was back at Stanstead College in September. I still remember sitting in the first assembly with people who later became my life-long friends.

Stanstead provided many chances for students to become a better person inside and out. Living with other friends and playing team sports made me realize how important it is to be considerate of others. It also taught me the importance of relying on each other as well – I loved the environment where I always had my privacy yet I was also able to share my problems and be with someone else when I got out of my own room.

As an international student, at the beginning it was tough not to have my family around me, but Stanstead immediately became my home away from home. I think it was because teachers and friends were always there. They also taught me many things, what to do and what not to do – the usual parent lessons that I didn't have many chances to receive from my parents. Stanstead also taught me that being physically active is very effective in maintaining one's mental state.

I can assure anyone considering going to Stanstead, or even starting with the summer camp, that you will not regret choosing this school. In fact, I have never regretted it, and I am glad that Stanstead has become a part of my life. Stanstead gave me a family, a chance to be independent and disciplined, and a great experience as an international student.

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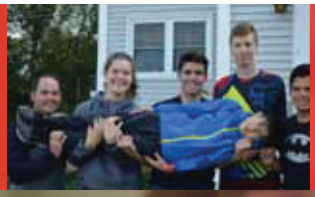

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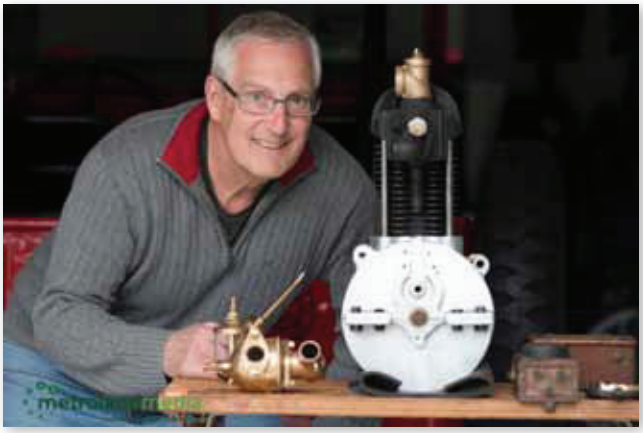
Ron Foss, '73 champions a tinkerer's legacy

Virtually all descendants of George Foote Foss have done school projects on the Sherbrooke, Que. native's famous invention – the Fossmobile, the first gasoline-powered vehicle in Canada. But now, his grandson, Ron Foss (1973) has taken on the biggest project of all: rebuild the Fossmobile using authentic period materials.



Ron Foss. Photo by Nikki Wesley, Torstar

"I've got all the fundamental parts to work with," says Ron, who lives in Burlington, Ont. and is retired from a career with Royal Trust and later RBC. "You could fabricate it from new parts to make it look old, that's one way, but finding old material, that's a more authentic way to go. It makes it more interesting."

In addition to building the vehicle, Ron also wants to cement his grandfather's legacy, and to that end is working to spread his story. Both these tasks are under the umbrella of Fossmobile Enterprises.

"The story is fairly known in the Townships," he says. " The Sherbrooke Record has run stories about him numerous times, but outside Sherbrooke, he's not known at all. I think we're doing a pretty good job at getting the story out there."

Ron Foss grew up in Fort Chambly, Que. hearing stories from his father and his grandfather himself about the Fossmobile. A mechanic, blacksmith and bicycle repairman, George Foss traveled to Boston in 1896 where he saw his first automobiles – electrically driven broughams with only enough power for half an hour.

Returning to Sherbrooke, Foss developed a four-horsepower, single-cylinder, gasoline-powered automobile in his bicycle shop. Indeed, the mechanics of that

George Foss receiving his honorary membership to the Antique Automobile Club of America.

buggy had more in common with a bicycle than a modern-day automobile.

George Foss drove his car around Sherbrooke for about four years before moving to Montreal, where he sold it for $75 in 1902. Its whereabouts after that are a mystery. In the interim, Foss turned down a partnership from Henry Ford as well as the financial backing to mass-produce the Fossmobile himself.

"My grandfather was a tinkerer and inventor but he lacked business sense," says Ron. "He was a very happy individual doing very little, and he lacked the drive to push further along those lines. Any business he did was simply a means to feed and live. Also, he was only 20 years old when he built this thing. I remember my grandfather saying people thought he was crazy. He didn't have the foresight to see the potential."

Later in life, George Foss didn't have a high opinion of cars. "In the fifties, he thought these things were a menace," says his grandson. "I never knew him to drive a vehicle himself."

In the early sixties, however, there was renewed interest in the Fossmobile, and George Foss was presented with honorary memberships to the Vintage Automobile Club of Montreal and the Antique Automobile Club of America. His grandfather eventually came around to the idea that his invention was kind of a big deal, Ron says.

George Foote Foss died in 1968

These stories lingered in Ron's mind over the years, and he grew up as a car enthusiast, a bit of a tinkerer himself. (After retiring, he restored a 1972 BMW). Three years ago he was scanning the internet looking for mentions of his grandfather when he came across a group interested in building a Fossmobile replica. Ron worked with them for some time before a difference in approach led him to go it alone.

Rather than call it a replica, Ron refers to his project as a "tribute." The parts aren't likely to be completely accurate, but they are from the era and similar to what his grandfather might have used, including a no-name motor Ron discovered in Maine. He's found other parts through various groups and clubs, or they have found him.

Ron's ultimate goal is to get the tribute Fossmobile in a museum.

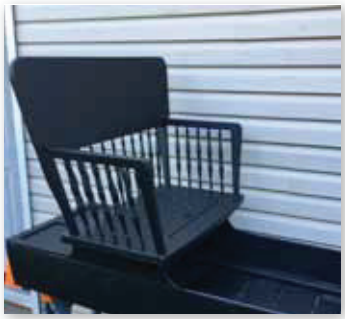
All of this is a one-man enterprise, including fundraising, talking to museums, doing media and seeking sponsors.

In June, Ron was in Sherbrooke to talk to city hall about their plans to move a monument to his grandfather in order to make way for a bridge. Ron wanted to make sure that monument gets appropriately placed and not just put in storage.

George Foote Foss

While George Foote Foss may have dismissed his invention during his lifetime, his grandson feels that he would be proud of efforts to honour his legacy.

"I think if he had lived to this point, he would have had a broader appreciation for how far the car has come along, and I think his appreciation of his invention would have gained in value as well," says Ron Foss. "Then again, he probably would have taken the same perspective: what's all the fuss about?"



Fully restored body and seat

The original Fossmobile

Fully restored engine on stand

You can find out more about the Fossmobile project and offer support by visiting **www.fossmobile.ca.**

A Match Made in Stanstead

High school is a time for exploration, discovery, high drama, and making terrible, terrible mistakes. On the other hand, sometimes high school romances go well!

For many teenagers, their high school boyfriend or girlfriend is the leaner's permit of love: it's not quite the real thing but good training. The genuine relationships tend to happen later on, maybe in university, maybe beyond. Even those high school lovers who make it all the way to graduation and tearfully declare they will never part generally always do.

But not always. Sometimes high school romances survive high school. Some of them, despite the odds, stick.

Nick MacIsaac and Laura Aiken (2004)

"I remember my first day arriving at Stanstead College and going to the Tuck Shop," says Nick. "Laura and her parents were just ahead of mine. She was the first girl I ever spoke to at Stanstead. I remember she was casually dressed and I was in uniform."

The two became friends during Grade 10. "I was interested in him I think before he noticed me," says Laura. "I played hard to get."

"There was a lot of gossip around us before we were an item," recalls Nick.

On February 13 of Grade 11, Nick asked Laura out. She said no. Twenty-four hours later, she said yes.

"Mind games," says Nick.

"I still do those," Laura confesses.

Their first date was at Steve's Pizzeria. The two stayed together through their Grade 11 and 12 years, though Laura initially wasn't supposed to come back for Grade 12. She had applied to the nursing program at Dawson College but wasn't accepted. The fact that Nick was returning for Grade 12 influenced her decision to come back as well.

After graduation, the two shared an apartment in Ottawa where they attended Carleton University.

"I don't know how our parents agreed to that," says Laura.

"That's why I'm in," Nick explains.

After two years at Carleton, the two took time off to travel Europe. Laura returned to study nursing at Vanier College and is now a nurse in Montreal Children's Hospital's neonatal intensive care unit. Nick went into sales, eventually earned an engineering technology diploma from Vanier and now works for Kolostat, a Montreal mechanical engineering firm.

In 2015, the two got married at the Ripplecove Inn in Ayer's Cliff. "Stanstead was where we met, and we wanted to show our friends and family this region that was so important to us," says Laura.

Nick and Laura with son Jayden

Their son, Jayden Bernard MacIsaac, was born in 2017.

Nick and Laura don't feel they missed out on anything by having this one really serious relationship.

"Certainly in our university years, people told me I should take advantage of being young," said Laura.

"Even my parents were saying you should experience dorm life," said Nick "But Stanstead pretty much was our dorm experience."

Instead, the couple consider themselves lucky.

"We feel quite blessed and fortunate, that we were meant to be," says Nick. "For me, it was military school or Stanstead. It was the best thing that ever could have happened."

Leena Lakdawala and Aurelio Useche (1985)

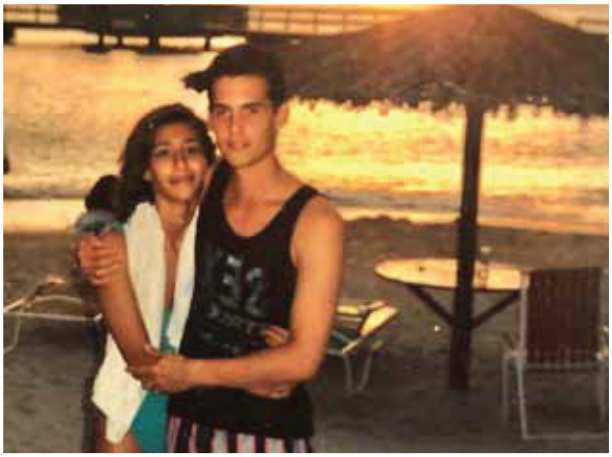
Leena and Aurelio met during their Grade 10 year. Leena actually arrived in October, having left a private school in Montreal for, well, reasons.

"Aurelio remembers me coming in for an interview," says Leena. "He says I looked like a rocker child. A couple of weeks later, I was at the school and we became friends."

Her first memories of Aurelio include the young Venezuelan student serenading her and another friend in the stairwell of Colby. "I thought he was weird," she says.

"I was not her type," confesses Aurelio.

The two really connected during a March break trip to China, supervised by Mr. Chen. After the trip, Aurelio broke up with his girlfriend and asked Leena out. Three times. She said no.



"There was too much drama," she says. "His girlfriend was my friend too. If I was her, I would have been totally against it too."

But, of course, eventually she said yes. After a summer apart, when the two stayed in touch by letters and phone calls, the pair finally started dating in their Grade 11 year, on September 23, to be precise. So much for her friend the ex-girlfriend... "Still not cool," says Leena now.

Aurelio says he got in a lot of trouble because of Leena. "Holding hands, hugging each other..." he recalls. "It wasn't unusual for Mr. Gallant to find us. He called me 'a spider with 16 hands.'"

Leena, he says, liked to get into trouble and ended up in detention quite often, including the time of a dance with a live band.

"I was upset," Aurelio recalls. "Mrs. Edgar was the housemistress for Colby and she had given the detention, so I let all the air out of her tires. I thought it was cool to do that. That same night, around 1 am, Mr. Gallant called a full assembly. The whole school. 'There is a sneaky snake in the school,' he said. I knew exactly what it was for. He was staring at me the whole time."

After Mr. Gallant threatened to cancel all sports events until someone came forward, Aurelio confessed.

"My punishment was I had to work for Mrs. Edgar for eight weeks. I became her gardener."

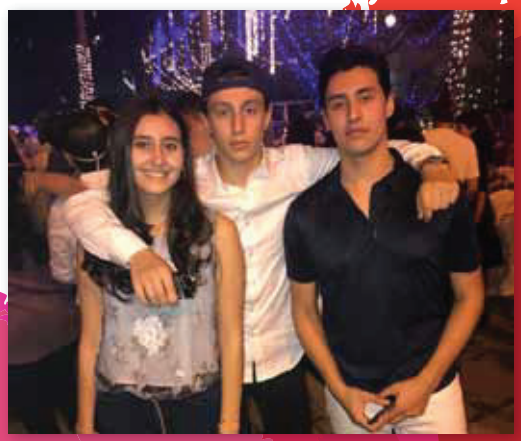
After Grade 11, Aurelio was supposed to return to Venezuela for his studies but he told his father he wanted to go to CEGEP. "He knew why. I decided from Day 1 that this was it."

After CEGEP, Leena and Aurelio studied at Concordia together, then completed their MBAs at Queen's (though at different times) and have even worked together.

It's rare for romances to last beyond high school. In fact, seven years into their relationship, they broke up briefly over the summer. "It was our seven-year itch, I guess," says Leena. "He spent the whole time following me in his car. A real stalker."

Thirteen years after they started dating, Leena and Aurelio got married on June 28, 1997. All told, they have been together for 35 years and have three children.

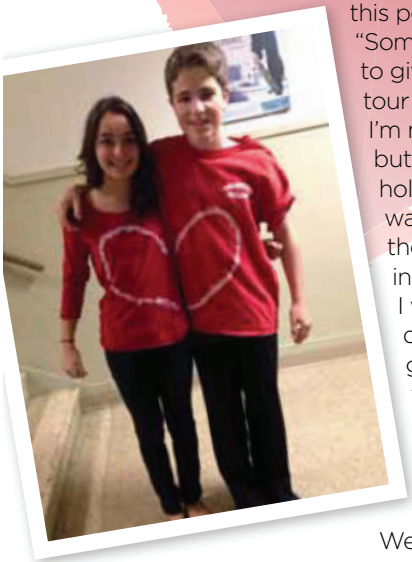
"We enjoy each other's company. We're very similar but in many ways very different. We've just had a blast," says Leena.



Leena and Aurelio's children: Vanessa (20), Sebastian-Ness (19) and Zachary (21)

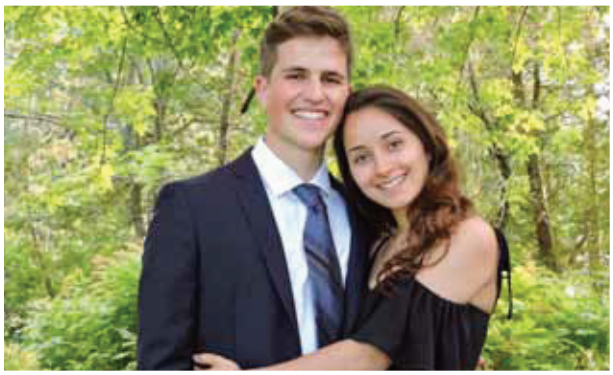
Thomas Abbott and Misha Hubacek (2017)

Misha: I was on my tour of the town on my first day at Stanstead in Grade 9. I saw this guy who looked like he was my age walking his dog on a street below us. I had a curious feeling that something would happen between us (I can't explain it…). Then later in the tour we walked by this person and my tour guide yelled: "Someone take the dog's leash, I need to give this man a hug!" [Note: the tour guide was Robert Meisner, 2015.] I'm normally not an outgoing person, but for some reason I reached out to hold the leash. While my tour guide was lifting this guy off the ground, the dog started walking around me in circles, tangling me in the leash! I was slightly freaking out since I don't overly like dogs and the two guys were busy hugging. Turns out, the guy getting bear-hugged was Tom, and we were good friends from the get-go; we sat together in class, had dinner together and spent our free time together. We were pretty much inseparable.



Thomas: Then came along the Christmas dance where I finally stepped up and asked her to be my date for the dance. Dating at Stanstead was tons of fun. We had awesome activities to go to like dances, Friday night movies and of course prom (x2!). Stanstead encourages you to get involved and try new things, which is a fantastic way to develop as a person and also develop a relationship. We joined clubs like Archery, Chess and the school play, which was a wonderful way to spend time together outside of class.

The environment at Stanstead is such that you find a partner that you enjoy being busy with: doing sports, clubs, dances, haunted houses, hard classes and school trips. It's good to enjoy being busy with someone. Sometimes people say "traveling will make or break a couple" because you are together all the time. It is stressful and you are always making decisions, while balancing each other's interests versus your own.



What's great is that Stanstead is precisely that environment. Therefore, forming a relationship at Stanstead ensures that it is strong and loving.

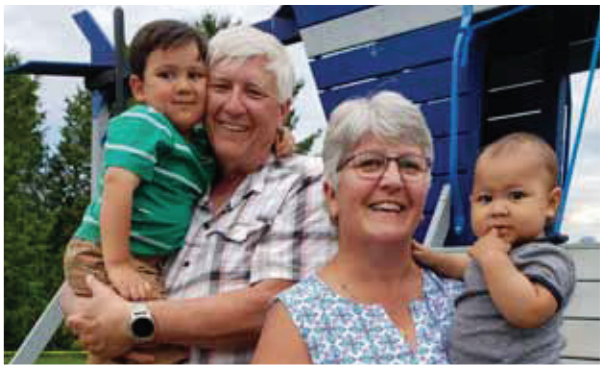
We currently are attending McGill together (math/physics and physiology) and live in a cozy apartment. Coming up, we are going to Ireland together in May, which we are super excited for. We are also very excited to be taking a year off after our bachelors to travel the world – South America, Europe, Asia and Oceania! In the future, Misha is aspiring to be a medical doctor and Tom wants to be a professor of theoretical physics.

Jessica Haddad '01 and Paul Sawaya '01

met at Stanstead. They have two children, Chloe 7 and Michael 5.

Mike (1973, former faculty) and Carmen Peirce (former staff)

"Carmen and I met at Stanstead. I was a young upstart teacher having just graduated. Carmen was the school's accounting clerk. I think we first really spoke at a staff party and then started dating the summer of 1979. Carmen was the sweetheart of the school, so Alex Philip pulled me aside to let me know I better hadn't mess this up! Things seemed to have worked out. We were married in 1982. Still married. (She has the patience of Job.)" – Mike Peirce



Protecting a piece of Mexico's heritage

For the past five year, José Luis Navarro (Class of 1978) has been working diligently to reclaim and protect a piece of Mexico's heritage and his family's past.

In 2010, José Luis had to travel for business to the town of Aculco, about 110 km north of Mexico City. His time there coincided with a declaration by UNESCO to recognize as a World Heritage site the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, known in English as the Royal Inland Road or "the Silver Route." This 2600 km route runs from Mexico City to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Originally created in the 16th century as a trade route for silver and other goods, the route was also an important social, cultural and religious link.

Among the recognized sites along the routes is Aculco. "The town includes two haciendas that housed travellers along the Camino," the UNESCO citation reads. "In the 18th century the mainstay of the population was muleteering, as the town had an abundance of grass and water for the mules." The town contains the ruins of these two haciendas, one of which, Hacienda de Ñado, was once connected to José Luis's family.

"From that moment, I knew that I had to promote and protect the Hacienda, and I began to work to restore it," says José Luis.

Business affairs, however, prevented him from digging into the practical work until 2016, but in the meantime he did considerable research and began compiling data with the help of architectural scholars. The resulting concept was to turn the Hacienda's former barn into an interpretation centre about Aculco and the Real Camino in general. Originally used to store coal, the barn was likely built between 1895 and 1915.

José Luis now works full-time as an administrator of the Foro Cultural Aculco, having earned his degree in Business from Universidad Iberoamericana in 1982 and then working for 30 years in the family wine and liquor distribution business. He and his late partner have one daughter, Estefani, who attended the Stanstead Language Adventure in 2007 and is now a doctor.

In addition to his business work, José Luis has been a freelance photographer since 1979, including gigs shooting three World Cups in Mexico, USA and France. He also photographs Formula 1 and Indy car racing.

As for the Foro Cultural, the biggest challenge is to safeguard the heritage while still being able to provide people with information, dining and even accommodations. Fortunately, the Hacienda is located very close to the main artery between the major cities of Toluca and Querétaro.

While there is much work to be done, the Foro Cultural Aculco already welcomes tourists and visitors, has had plumbing and electricity restored and has been fenced to protect the site. José Luis is particularly hopeful that young people will visit.

The Tixhiñú Waterfalls near Acaulco

"For me it is very important that young people are aware of our history," he says. "I would like to welcome young people, talk about the richness of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro and reason it has received world heritage status."

He would particularly love to welcome members of the Stanstead community, whether as visitors or as volunteers.

You can find out more about the Foro Cultural Aculco at www.facebook.com/ForoCulturalAculco. To help, contact info@foro-cultural-aculco.org.

Sports News

Senior Girls Basketball

Basketball and Stanstead lifers: Abby Murray, Alex Smith, Emily Willis and Mackenzy St-Pierre with coaches Erik Van Dyke and Amy Wolfe

The senior girls basketball team earned their third MacLeod Provincial Tournament in a row in early 2019, capping off an unprecedented run of success at Stanstead College.

In addition, the Spartans won their home invitational, the Montreal Independent Schools Tournament and the Bailly Small Schools Tournament.

The team was anchored by Mackenzy St-Pierre, who had played at the senior level since Grade 9, winning the Bess Ferguson Trophy in basketball and the Shirly Wolter Trophy as senior female athlete of the year. She was joined by fellow Stanstead lifers Emily Willis (winner of the Trueman-McFadyen Award for the female student athlete with the highest average), Alexandra Smith and Abby Murray.

The senior girls had an overall record of 33-8 on the season.

Varsity Girls Hockey

The Spartans won their 4th consecutive championship in the North American Prep Hockey Association last spring, ending another successful 2018-19 season with a record of 43-10-9.

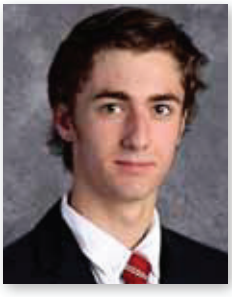
Ann-Frederik Naud (Class of 2019) earned gold for Team Canada at the 2018 Women's U18 World Championship and returned to the national team for the recent 2019 championship, joined by team captain Marianne Picard (2021) and bringing home the silver in a tough overtime loss to rivals USA.

The Spartans are on track for another successful season, with most players committed or trending to commit to playing NCAA or USports hockey. In addition, six players recently played on their respective provincial teams. First-year player Svenja Voigt helped earn gold for her native Germany in the IIHF Division IA World Championship this past January.

Varsity Boys Hockey

Two varsity hockey Spartans were among those drafted by the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) last June, including the school's first-ever first-round pick.

Cole Huckins (right) from Fredericton, NB, was picked up in the first round and 16th overall by the Acadie-Bathurst Titans of New Brunswick. Bodie Nobes from St-Thérèse, Que, went in Round 4, 66th overall to the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in Nova Scotia. Both boys were in Grade 10 at the time of the draft. While Cole is now playing with Acadie-Bathurst, Bodie returned to Stanstead for Grade 11.



Alex Campbell, Class of 2018, was picked in the third round of the 2019 NHL draft, 65th overall, by the Nashville Predators. After a year with the Victoria Grizzlies (BCHL), he is now playing with the Omaha Lancers in the USHL and has committed to Clarkson University for 2020-21.

Senior Rugby

The senior boys and girls teams both won the ETIAC regular season and playoff banners during the short spring seasons. At Rugbyfest in New Brunswick, the team also won championships in their respective B divisions.

Stanstead College

Class notes...

1992

CHARLES SEAGRAM started a new job in July at Integrated Freight Networks as operations director. Integrated is a transport company specialized in unique needs for the retail industry with clients such as Oakley, La Senza, La Vie en Rose, Levis and Metro.

2000

TAMARA JACOBI welcomed son Zephyr, born in Puerto Vallarta, on October 22. In November, HarperCollins Leadership published Tamara's Wildpreneurs, "a guide-book for free-spirits who are turning passion into business."
Details at https://wildpreneurs.com.

2003

NATHALIE LUSSIER welcomed second daughter Osprey "Oz" Li on June 30, 2019.

2005

ANA DOROTEA VÁSQUEZ COLMENARES works as a lawyer and a numerologist. Her law firm is Diez Abogados specializes in IT law and data protection. "Being a lawyer is professionally fulfilling, but a voice inside me still called me to the deeper aspects of the self.... So I began by studying a master's in human development and psychotherapy... this was a powerful door that totally opened a new world of possibilities before me." This led to Ana Dorotea studying numerology. She is now a numerology consultant for individuals, couples and businesses, has a YouTube channel, "Numerana," and also gives workshops and courses in Mexico and in the U.S. "I realize how much I want to say THANK YOU to Stanstead College! Thank you for being such a key piece in my trajectory. I can grasp now how Stanstead provided me with a safe, loving and challenging environment in which to grow, to develop my skills (throwback to Debate club!) and build my self confidence! At the same time, I also learned true life lessons and made friends that I still treasure."

2009

LOGAN VANASSE AND WIFE GENEVIEVE LALANDE welcomed their second daughter, Charlotte, in June. Logan is still working in Stanstead's Advancement Department.

2011

NAOMI ORTH graduated in medicine and pharmacy from Iuliu Hatieganu University, in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. She is planning to do her residency in Austria in gynecology.

2013

In May, Hamilton College hockey forward **JASON BROCHU** received a Milton H. Jannone Award, presented annually to a male and female senior athlete who exhibit outstanding athleticism, leadership and academic accomplishment.

In October Team Chinese Taipei goaltender **TIFFANY HSU** signed with the Buffalo Beauts in the National Women's Hockey League. Tiffany posted a .977 save percentage at the IIHF Division II – Group B 2019 Women's World Championship. Her performance s ecured the first-ever gold medal finish for Chinese Taipei at the Worlds, where she was named Best Goalkeeper and the Most Valuable Player on her team.

2014-15

In May, **MAX HOPPER** (2014), **MADYSON ST-PIERRE** (2015) and **ROSEMARIE POULIN** (2015) all graduated from Acadia University.

2017

In October, **JULIA GUO** was named Miss Chinese Montreal.

ALUMNI GATHER

Where Alumni and Friends meet...

MEMORIES DAY, NOVEMBER 5, STANSTEAD

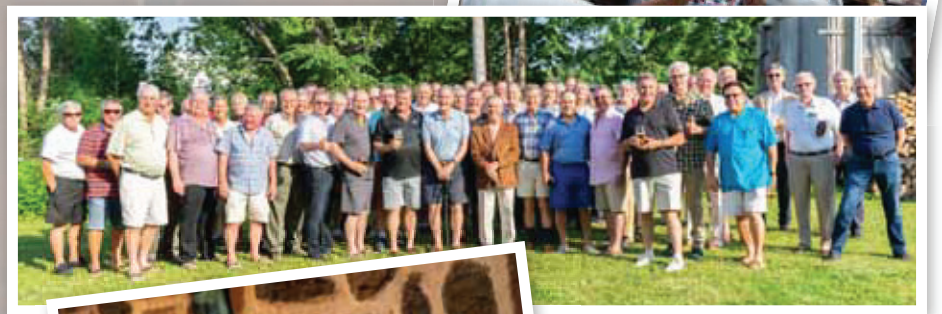
Alumni from 50-plus years ago spent the day back at Stanstead College, reminiscing about old times and getting a first-hand look at how the school exists today. The day included lunch with the students, a tour of the school and even some class time.

IN MONTREAL

In Montreal in November, a group from the late 80s, early 90s got together. Pictured are Duane Holder '90, Marie-Claude Filteau '89, Verona Sorensen '94, Nicole Rawlings '90, Sophie Robitaille '90, Britt Marie Zeidler '90, Charles Seagram '92 and Marnie Neufeld '90.

OLD BOYS GATHERING

Alumnus Jim Little '72 was the mastermind behind a gathering of old boys from his era, ostensibly to honour teacher and coach Alex Philip but all-around a massive trip down memory lane.



KATIE PEDDLE

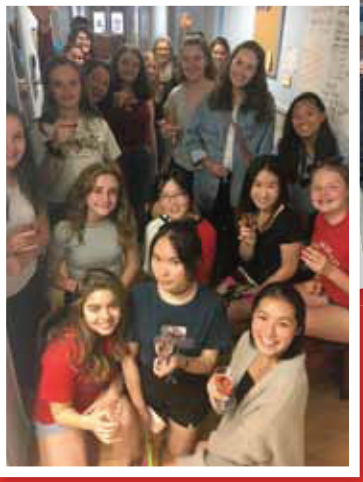
Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe ran into Katie Peddle '17 while visiting Halifax in October. Katie is attending school and playing hockey at St. Mary's University.

HOME COMING
May 23, 2020
Details soon!

INGS 2019

HOMECOMING 2019

For the first time, we moved Homecoming to the spring to try to increase attendance by young alumni, just finishing their university year. The May event included rugby and lacrosse games, a barbecue as well as a tour of Cowen House, still under construction at that time. Current and former residents of Colby House also gave a toast to the third floor, its final year as home to our junior girls.

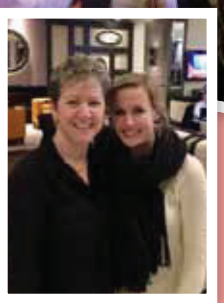


IN MONTREAL

In March, a group of young alumni attending school in Montreal got together for lunch.

IN GERMANY

While in Germany last year, Director of Admissions and Associate Head Joanne Carruthers met up with (picture 1) Florian Hackl (summer camp), Uli Schulern, Dr. Judith Gollmitzer '08 and Max Raabe '08; (picture 2) Isabell Hess '13, Julia Mank '04 (with Finn) and Karl Belair (former staff); and (picture 3) Julia Rathje '13.

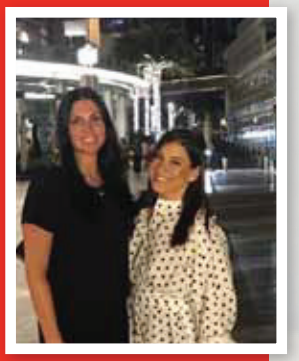


AT NAPHA

There were some former Spartans on hand for the varsity girls hockey NAPHA finals in February: Julian Perrotta '08, Jesse Halikas '09, Frank Riddle '08 and Ryan Bedard '10.

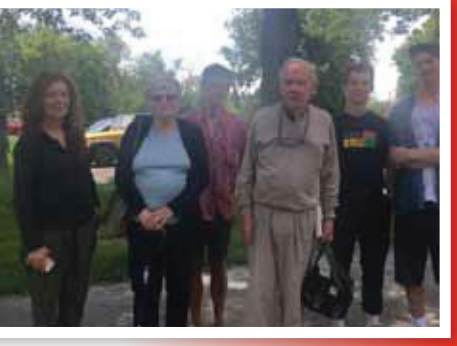
IN DUBAI

Valerie Bourassa '08 and Zouha Dalloul '06 met up in Dubai April 2019



VISITING CAMPUS

Recent visitors to our campus included Elaine Andrews Crandal '51 and Stewart Beattie '42.



IN VANCOUVER

Jimmy Smith '54 (right) met for a coffee with Bart Mann '52 during Jimmy's visit to Vancouver, and the pair talked about old times at Stanstead. The two have kept in touch over the years.

IN TAICHUNG

Basketball Spartans Simon Chi '07, Frank Liu '96, Alan Chi '95 and Andy Kim '97 met with Dugie Ross '70 and Head of School Michael Wolfe in Taichung.

Obituaries

Joyce (Thomas) Halpin
Class of 1938, Trustee

October 6, 2019

Peacefully at age 97 in Toronto, predeceased by John, her husband of 40 years, in 1983. Survived by sons Peter (Suzanne), Bob (Mary) and Mark (Mickey) and two grandsons. Joyce was born in Toronto and raised in Ayer's Cliff and McMasterville, Quebec. Joyce attended Stanstead College where her Grade 10 marks won her a trip to England to attend the Coronation of King George VI. In 1939 she attended a secretarial school in Montreal, and when war broke out went to work for CIL Industries. Joyce and John married in 1943 and moved to Ontario in 1948. During the following years they built a cottage on Lake Erie, started up and ran the first launderette in London, Ontario, and had 2 more sons. While in London Joyce ran a home business selling medical supplies. She loved to play bridge, dance with John, share gourmet dinners with friends, and attend Westmount Women's Club meetings. The family moved to Ottawa in 1969. Following the move Joyce worked for several years as personal assistant to Patrick Watson, a noted author and TV host. She was also the political reporter for the Kanata Standard newspaper.

Eleanor (Duffy) Campbell • Class of 1944, Former Trustee

May 9, 2018

In her 93rd year, passed away at Oakpark Retirement Community after battling Alzheimer's disease. Wife of 59 years to the late Dr. Neil John Campbell (2014). Born in Gould, Quebec, Eleanor studied to become a teacher at McDonald College in Montreal following her graduation from Stanstead. Children Heather Anne and Wendy remember her as a fabulous cook and hostess, a talented artist, and a lover of musical theatre and curling. She and Neil were avid travellers following their retirement.

Gerald M. Wilson • Class of 1947

September 18, 2019

Beloved husband of the late Betty (2015). Loving father of Donna McPherson and late Bob (1999), Bruce and Jean Wilson, Elizabeth and Manny Pacheco. Gerry was president of the Stanstead College Alumni Association from 1953-1954. He was involved with his church in various roles in Trenton and Kingsville and a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1949 and also Scottish Rite and Rose Croix, having served many positions in various cities and towns.

Anne Winifred (Salkeld) Brothers • Class of 1948

October 20, 2018

John Charles Barnes • Class of 1948

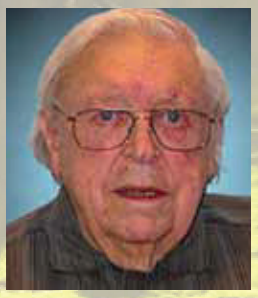
July 31, 2019

In Toronto, previously from Montreal, John was husband to Joan Currie, predeceased by Wilda, his wife of 52 years. He will be missed by his four children Cheryl, Charles, Karin and Tana and their spouses, children and grandchildren. He will also be missed by Joan's children David and Jackie.

Constance (Setlakwe) Fournier • Class of 1948

July 19, 2019

Born in Thetford Mines, wife of Guy Fournier and mother of Paul Michel and Linda (Patrick) as well as two grandchildren.



Richard Colt
Class of 1949, Former Trustee

March 10, 2019

Survived by his wife Betty, son Peter (Bimini). Richard entered Stanstead College in 1945 and graduated Grade 12 in 1949. After graduating from Bishop's University with honours in Physics and Maths, he worked for RCA where he took a leading part in their development work for the space agency. This involved a great deal of travel to Iran, Australia and Chile. In the 1980s, he retired to Ayer's Cliff but was soon very active in inventing a new cleaning fluid for car engines called Terradine. For several years, he was the leader in the product development in Rock Island. Richard was always interested in the College. For many years he was an active trustee, giving great service to the Property Committee. He was involved with the construction of Webster House and the Student Centre. A graveside service was held at Crystal Lake in Stanstead this past summer.

Mary (Wharry) Horn • Class of 1950

August 5, 2018

In Lucan, Ont., formerly of Exeter, Ont. Wife of John Horn for over 60 years, mother of Katthy (Bob), Rusty (Marj), Patty (Allan and Joan (Andy) and grandmother and great-grandmother. She participated in the Home and School Association and various church groups and supported the senior community, notably through the VON.

Gordon Budning • Class of 1951

February 5, 2017

At the Wales Residence in Richmond, Que. Survived by children of his first wife Judy Wilson-Herring (Steven, Debra, Gary) and son Nicholas adopted and raised with second wife Marlene Martin. A football player at Stanstead, he loved watching college football, including the Bishop's Gaiters. He, along with his father Harry, were the owners of Budning's Drugstor on Wellington St. N. in Sherbrooke. After his father's death, Gordon closed the pharmacy and opened a sound and music store, Quad 39.

Brian Fluhmann • Class of 1951

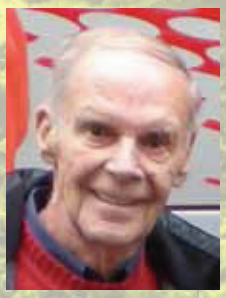
May 15, 2019

After a brief illness in Mississauga, Ont. in his 86th year. He leaves behind his wife Jacqueline, brother Bill (Maureen) and nieces and nephews. Brian and Jackie had recently relocated from Halifax to be closer to family. He had recently been honoured by his alma mater, Mount Allison for being the alumnus with the longest record of continuous giving, 42 years.

Geoffrey Newman • Class of 1951

November 21, 2018

Passed away at Lanark Lodge in Perth, Ontario on. He was a pilot, a broker and financial planner. He is survived by his wife Marg (nee Mary Margaret Clement) children Gary and Cindy Flynn and grandchildren Jake, Nicole and Sarah. If Geoff developed a particular interest in something (stamps, genealogy, amongst others), he'd take on the challenge and journey with unbridled passion.



W. John Mackay
Class of 1952, Honorary Trustee

January 15, 2020

A month shy of his 87th birthday, John passed away in Montreal after a brief illness. A resident of Town of Mount Royal since 1942, he was an elder of Mount Royal United Church and a long-time trustee and friend of Stanstead College. After graduating from Stanstead, where he was class president and editor of the school annual, John attended Sir George Williams in Montreal and went to work for Dominion Textile. He later had a career in real estate and returned to school in retirement to study social sciences and art history. John loved to travel and was devoted to Stanstead College as trustee and as a generous benefactor. His permanent legacy at Stanstead College is the W. John Mackay Gymnasium, whose conversion from pool to gym in 2012 he singlehandedly financed. John is survived by cousins and many cherished friends. A memorial service was held at Mount Royal United Church on January 25.

Edward Robert Redden • Class of 1954

December 23, 2018

Robin Walker • Class of 1958

Douglas John McKenzie • Class of 1971

June 22, 2018

Peacefully at Victoria Hospital in London, Ont., formerly of Kitchener. Father of Adam and Ryan, husband of the late Vera.

Peter Ryan • Class of 1979

August 23, 2019

Peter passed away on August 23 from complications from a blood clot. He was 58. Peter attended grades 10-12. He was a model citizen and very popular and was proud of his 3 years on the varsity soccer and basketball programs. Former basketball coach Brian Denney attended his celebration of life in BC.

Cameron Bonspiel • Class of 1999

April 2018

Cameron came to Stanstead from Pointe-Claire, Quebec looking for a fresh start in school, sports and in life. When he arrived at the College, he quickly became a fan favourite. He was dominant in football and hockey, winning Major S sweaters in both. It didn't take Cameron long to make great friends in Davis house. He was a jokester who knew how to connect with his peers. He was the hardest working player on the team and someone everyone looked up to. Known by his nickname "Curly" Bonspiel, he truly embodied everything Stanstead promotes. As the first recruit of the new-ly promoted hockey program, he was a pioneer for the prestigious program we have now. Cameron should be remembered for being the life of the party, the best teammate and more importantly a huge fan of the Stanstead experience. Stanstead gave Cameron the opportunity to be a leader and Cameron gave Stanstead his heart and soul. – Adam Spirk

Obituaries

John Conlin • Class of 2008

February 3, 2019

John passed away suddenly on February 3 in his 29th year in Hamilton, Ontario. He is survived by his parents Gordon & Cecilia Conlin (nee McNeil), his brother David in Saskatoon and his grandmother, Daphne Conlin in Vancouver, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins spread across the country. In his short life, John touched the lives of many people. He struggled with alcoholism, but gifted himself and his family with sobriety over the past five years. John embraced the work required not only to live, but to make a difference by helping others. He was an avid runner and hockey player who embraced and introduced his family to a vegan lifestyle. John was thrilled to be back at school and excelled at his studies at Mohawk College.

Louise Gittens
Former Faculty and Director of Development

April 11, 2019

Passed away on April 11, survived by daughters Jessica (Brent), Tamsin and Robin (1997), mother Dorothy, brother Eric and sister Jane and grandchildren. Louise was born in Torquay, Devon, England and immigrated with her family to Montreal in the late 50s. She worked in England but returned to Montreal to complete her studies at Macdonald College and Sir George Williams University. She taught elementary school for several years before marrying and moving to the West Coast. After having her children, she returned to Quebec, eventually teaching at Stanstead College. She made one more move back to Vancouver where she finished her teaching career at Crofton House School. From her obituary: "Teaching was her calling. She poured her energy and love of teaching literature and poetry into her classes and knew that being an educator was a privilege. She cared deeply for her students and the respect was mutual. Her keen fashion sense and fun style were famous at school and beyond. Her love of the English language was insatiable, from reciting poetry to her own toddlers to passing on this love to others."

Memorial tree planted for Sean Ingutia, 2006

In September, a brief ceremony was held to plant a tree in memory of Sean Ingutia, Class of 2006 and a trustee of the school, who passed away in 2017. Sean's mother Everlily and step-father Dennis were on hand to plant the tree and place the memorial plaque. Assistant Head Christian Wells read comments from teachers who had taught Sean and recalled his own shocked reaction upon learning of his death.

"He was a true gentleman. A man of integrity who I believe lived a proud, principled, life. Unassuming but by no means meek, Sean's was a gentle soul and he had a forceful effect upon everyone he met."

2020
- Calendar of Events -

MEXICO REUNION • February 6, 2020
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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12:00 PM

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